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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed August 27, 2003,  
Applicant provisionally elects claims 1-6 and 22, with traverse. The grounds for traversal are  
set forth in the Remarks below.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Election/Restriction Requirement imposed by the Examiner because the Examiner has not demonstrated that a serious burden would be imposed by examination of all of the pending claims together. Section 803 of the MPEP requires that the Examiner must examine all of the claims on the merits when the search and examination of the entire Application can be made without a serious burden. In the present case, however, the Examiner has not established how the search and examination of claims 23-29 would impose a serious burden upon the Examiner, as opposed to merely an additional burden.

To the contrary, no such serious burden would exist because the same, or at least a very similar, search is believed to be required for proper examination of all of the pending claims. The two sets of claims in question contain many common elements, and Applicant submits that many of the classes and subclasses searched for proper examination of both groups would most likely be the same. Therefore, minimal, if any, additional searching should be required if all the claims are examined together. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that no serious burden would be imposed upon the Examiner to examine all of the claims together.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Election/Restriction Requirement imposed by the Examiner be withdrawn, and that all of the claims be examined together.

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Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh C. Snider", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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